

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
AMENDMENTS TO
THE MAINE BAR RULES

2009 Me. Rules 13

Effective: June 1, 2009

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendments to the Maine Bar Rules are hereby adopted to be effective on the date indicated above. The specific rules amendments appear below. To aid in understanding of the amendments, an Advisory Note appears after the amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for recommending the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Rule 6(c)(2) of the Maine Bar Rules is amended to read as follows:

(2) *Withdrawal from Maine practice.* Any Maine attorney currently registered in good standing under Rule 6(a) and not the subject of any investigation under Rule 7.1(c) or (d) or of any disciplinary proceedings under Rule 7.1(e), may provide written notice to the Board of withdrawal from Maine practice. Such notice shall include a current mailing address and telephone number of the attorney, and the effective date of that withdrawal. The withdrawing attorney shall also comply with the provisions of Rule 7.3(i)(2), and shall not subsequently return to the practice of law in Maine without first complying with the requirements of subsection (c)(3) of this Rule and applicable portions of ~~Maine Bar Admission~~ Rule 10.

Advisory Note

When an attorney discontinues practice and is placed on inactive status pursuant to Bar Rule 6(c)(1) and when an attorney withdraws from practice pursuant to Bar Rule 6(c)(2), the attorney may be reinstated to active practice by complying with the reinstatement requirements stated or referenced in Bar Rule 6(c) and paying the appropriate reinstatement fee and the annual fee pursuant to Bar Rule 10. An attorney who withdraws from practice pursuant to Bar Rule 6(c)(2) and later seeks reinstatement is not additionally required to retake the Bar Exam as addressed in Bar Admission Rule 10. To end confusion and avoid unequal treatment of those who withdraw and then seek reinstatement, the reference to the Bar Admission Rule is deleted from Bar Rule 6(c)(2).

2. These amendments are effective June 1, 2009.

Dated: May 11, 2009

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LEIGH I. SAUFLEY
Chief Justice

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